

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Claim Amendments

The cancellation of claims 1-15 is without prejudice and without intent to abandon any previously claimed subject matter.

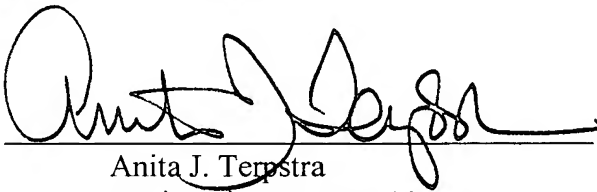
Support for new claims 16-24 can be found throughout the specification. For example, support for claim 16 can be found at pages 8-11, 18, and 36. Support for claims 17-20 can be found at, for example, pages 10 and 15. Support for claim 21 can be found at, for example, pages 7-8, 10, and 15. Support for claim 22 can be found at, for example, page 8, lines 7-10. Support for claim 23 can be found at, for example, page 41, lines 24-26. Support for claim 24 can be found at, for example, pages 8, lines 11-12, and pages 26-32.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments and remarks be considered and that the Amendment be entered prior to examination of the application. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (312) 935-2367.

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